

REMARKS

Claims 13-16 have been added. Support for the subject matter of these claims can be found at least in original Claim 5. No new matter has been added and entry is respectfully requested.

First, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 as indicated on page 3, numbered paragraph 6 of the Official Action.

Claims 5 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by each of WO 01/13179 A1, JP 08-184966, JP 09-230596, and JP 10-090885. Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 has been amended such that the variable “n” is 1 (*i.e.*, n is not 0). None of the examples relied upon by the Examiner comprise a polymer having a structural unit corresponding to formula (4) of Claim 5 wherein n is 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 5 is patentable over each of the WO 01/13179 A1, JP 08-184966, JP 09-230596, and JP 10-090885 references. Claim 8 depends from Claim 5 and is therefore also patentable over each of the cited references for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 5. Reconsideration and withdrawal of each of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 13 has been added. This claim corresponds to the subject matter of original Claim 5 wherein R⁵ is a monovalent organic group (*i.e.*, a group which includes carbon) and R⁴ cannot be an alkyl group. Newly added Claim 14 depends Claim 13. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 13 and 14 are patentable over the cited references. Moreover, none of the cited references teach or reasonably suggest an antireflection film-forming composition as set forth in Claims 13 and 14.

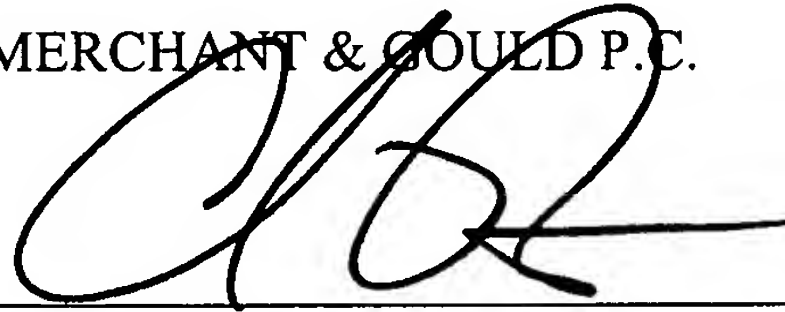
Independent Claim 15 has also been added. This claim corresponds to the subject matter of original Claim 5 wherein R^5 is a monovalent atom or a monovalent organic group and R^4 is either: 1) an alkenyl group; or 2) a group in which one or more hydrogen atoms of a phenyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, or an acyl group are replaced by one or more of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group, a nitro group and a sulfonic acid group. Newly added Claim 16 depends from Claim 15. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 15 and 16 are patentable over the cited references. Moreover, none of the cited references teach or reasonably suggest an antireflection film-forming composition as set forth in Claims 15 and 16.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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